

Chemulpo Korea

April 18th Apr. 1908.

Dear Madam.

Regret to say that
we can't obtained any Hard
oil in here (Chemulpo.)

Yours faithfully
E. D. Stewart & Co

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Mrs. H. H. Moffett,
Pyeong Yang
Korea.



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love, but rather, increased it. Don't forget that we daily pray for your welfare, and feel sure that our Father in heaven looks after you as he cares for us. If it were not for my faith that God blesses you and helps you, it would be much harder for me to stay here. But, as I pray, I also believe that He will do much more for you than I could do, even if I were to desert this work and go home to you.

We have a blessed home and also a blessed work, and we hope that you all will each pray that we may deserve all the blessings we are receiving. We send bushels of love to be divided among you. With all my love,

Arthur

Pyongyang, May, 1908

Dear Ones at Home,

Louise is out visiting the neighbors. Evelyn is asleep and I happen to be alone, so I'll pen a message. The Beckers of Pyongyang, Korea, are reasonably happy. Just now no family discord mars the calm of our home. Life might be different if little Evelyn were awake.

We received a letter from Lulu yesterday, and we devoured its contents with avidity, as usual. We learned that the pet lamb, the black lamb, and the sucker were thriving. We didn't hear about the pigs, the horses, or the chickens, but as they were not mentioned, we take for granted that none of them have turned up their toes.

Some men are born great, some men achieve greatness, and some men have greatness thrust upon them. Wait till I tell you the news! I have been elected chairman and principal of the faculty and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Union College and Academy for the year 1908-1909! Don't faint under the shock. Never mind, you'll soon get used to having greatness in the family. Oh, no, I don't feel very big. It all came about because I had more experience here than any of the other four regular missionary teachers. Yet it seems a bit funny to me, as I am the youngest of the five on the faculty. Dr. Baird, who was chairman last year, goes home on a furlough, so it was necessary to pick someone of the younger generation in the center of control. Dr. Baird has had fifteen years of school work in Korea while I have had but five. So you see, I have a very responsible task to take on in his place.

We have had our graduating exercises. There were twenty-two graduates from the high school and two from the college. All go into church or school work. We begin a summer Normal school for country school teachers tomorrow. We expect about two hundred and fifty teachers from all over northern Korea. This school will be carried all through the month of June, and as I am in charge, I shall be very busy with it until July 4th. Louise will write a post script. Love,

Arthur

Dear Ones,

I have just gotten home from visiting. I got a letter

A. L. Becker

from my mother last night in answer to a letter in which I enclosed a lock of Evelyn's hair. Mother seems to think that her hair is very red and suggests it's color be changed. Now her papa, however, says, "Nonsense is all I have to say about that suggestion!" It seems good to see Arthur around the house. I hope ^{he will} get a chance after the normal class closes to get acquainted with his baby and his wife.

We would love to see you all. It will be only two years more. Then you will have a chance to see your most honored son, his wife, and his baby. Arthur is president of a college at the age of twenty-nine. Think of it! Oh, but it means alot of responsibility. But, you know, Arthur is level-headed and he will get along all right. With love,

Louise

A Report to the Methodist Conference by A.L. Becker, 1908, about the Union School:

The total enrollment of the Union Academy was 422, and the total enrollment of the Union College was nineteen. We were overloaded in the Academy--too many new students. Many didn't know what they wanted--had no real purpose, and there were some in a denominational strife. Methodist boys were in the minority and most of the assistant Korean teachers were Presbyterians. So early in the year we had a student strike. They petitioned Bishop Harris and Dr. Baird and the Board with various demands, but as the faculty held firmly to the curriculum and schedule, the strikers gave up their demands and most of them returned to study. They had learned they were not running the school, and we had peace for the rest of the year.

The average number of Methodist students was one hundred and twenty, all in the Academy. We had none in the College as yet. The missionary teachers and their teaching hours were:

Dr. Baird--average of 22 hours per week.

Arthur Becker--average of 22 hours per week.

Mrs. Baird--average of 3 hours per week.

Mrs. Moore--average of 5 hours per week.

Messies Blair and Cornkeisaf, month by month, with an average of 12 hours per week.

Rufus--7 hours per week.

Mrs. Rufus--5 hours per week.

Mr. Critchet was in the school during February and November.

Rev. Lee and Mrs. Swallen were teaching a month each, 12 hours per week.

Mr. Morate, a Japanese pastor, taught Japanese 12 hours per week.

Sixty-two hours were taught by Presbyterians, and thirty-six hours by Methodists. I taught chemistry, physics, and algebra--all in the Academy and College; sometimes trigonometry and surveying.
also in the

Student Help

During the past year, fifty Methodist students received help. Five worked for Mr. Moore, two for Mr. Rufus, two for Miss Haines, one for Miss Hallman, two borrowed money from Dr. Hall, and three worked for me. Paid out on student help--eight hundred and sixty-three yen. Received from friends in the United States, three hundred and eighty-five dollars. Received from Mr. Moore and Mrs. Dr. Hall, one hundred and seven dollars. Amount received from students' work, four hundred and thirty dollars. Total receipts: nine hundred and twenty-three dollars, twenty-three yen.

Dear People,

Louise and I are on our way back from the conference. Evelyn is not with us. Don't you think Louise was brave to leave her precious baby at home for one whole week? Did you know that our girl was old enough to stay alone? Mrs. Rufus very kindly offered to come down to our house to take charge of Evelyn. So with a good deal of effort, I persuaded my wife to leave our six-month old darling.

Our conference was very interesting and the reports were inspiring. I will send the published minutes later. We elected a delegate to our church general conference at Baltimore. This next year we will have five of our Korean missionaries in America, who are going to try to raise \$100,000 for Korea.

We will get a new house with the first money that comes out. My old friend, Carl Rufus, is now helping me in the school, so I am quite happy. Love to all,

Arthur

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We acknowledge the goodness of God and recognize His special favor in the way He has kept us during the year, and blest the work committed to our care. The time between Annual Meeting (August) and Christmas was spent chiefly looking after the country work in the Western Circuit. Since then, teaching in the College and Academy, Bible classes, and the Theological Seminary, interspersed with several short trips to the country, has occupied most of my time. While in the city the South Gate church has ever received what attention I was able to give.

I. Western Circuit Work.

Of the 40 groups reported last year 9 were placed under the care of the newly ordained pastors, Pang Ki-chang, and Song Nim-su. These men have discharged their duties as pastors with credit. Much more was accomplished than could otherwise have been done.

Throughout the Circuit the work has grown in numbers, strength, and character. Several new groups were formed. The Gospel has spread to and taken root in many new villages.

The colportures who were supported partly by the Board and partly by the British and Foreign Bible Society, were dismissed and 2 self-supporting book-sellers now distribute books for the territory. The B.F.B.S. however have 2 men in this circuit working solely among the heathen. Their sales have not been large but their efforts are telling strongly in the beginning of new groups at strategic points.

Two elders have been ordained at Cha Chai, in Pastor Pang's charge, and one is now ready to be ordained at Han Pyung. Helper Noh Ki-tu was ordained elder at Pang Suk, where Elder-elect Sah Pyun-su will also be ordained as soon as I can visit the church. A session was also formed at Chu Cha Do.

The spiritual life of the Christians has kept up remarkably well, considering the difficult problems confronting the church. The leaders are giving much time and thought to Bible Study and church work. There have been Men's Classes and Women's in about every group. The women in most places study with the men also.

Great energy is manifested along the line of education. Every church has one or more Primary schools. Plans are now being made for the establishment of an Academy at Pan Suk, where we have a strong, active church. The work has been well supported by the Christians. In addition to the support of the 2 Korean pastors, Pang and Song, the Circuit maintains 10 Helpers, beside giving freely to support a missionary in Quelpart. Of the Helpers, 8 are students for the ministry, and all were supported by the church during the 3 months they were in Pyeng Yang studying in the Theological Seminary. A brief view of the following statistics will give a better idea of the work than any description can:-

- communicants 1460
- catechumens 1672 (on the roll)
- groups 45
- total Sabbath congregation - 6,000
- total contributions \$4,007
- baptized during the year 601 - of whom Pastor Pang - 70
Pastor Song 40
- catechumens received during the year -909 - Pastor Pang - 79
Pastor Song 47

There are 52 Primary Boys schools, enrollment 1178
13 Primary Girls schools, enrollment 250

There are 10 Helpers, 9 ministerial students, 2 colporters to the heathen, and 2 self-supporting book-sellers. There are 4 regularly established churches with sessions. The Circuit also provides 2 men for as Evangelists in other territories under the direction of the Pyeng Yang Missionary Society. There were 45 Men's Bible classes with attendance of 247. There were 37 Women's Bible classes with enrollment of 132.

II. The South Gate Church.

The work here has been continued much the same during the year. The Government order for all Koreans to remove from the military grounds in the Way Sung was discouraging to the whole church. Although many have gone, we still continue to worship there, with a congregation ranging from 40 to 80. The South Gate congregation remains about the same, 500.

We now have 3 students for the ministry from this church, who are promising men. They frequently give me helpful assistance in my country work. To sum up this church work, there are 250 communicants, catechumens 193, baptized members this year 66, catechumens received this year 90. Total contributions \$598.00

One Primary Boys school - 58 students
One Primary Girls school - 40 girls.

The session of this church is composed of men with whom it is a joy and inspiration to labor.

III. Academy and College Work.

The month of February was spent in teaching in the Academy and College. I gave instruction in Old Testament History to the Academy Seniors; I and II Thes. to the College Freshmen; and a few lectures on Bible Study to the College Juniors. The boys are bright and studied well. The work was most enjoyable.

IV. Theological and Training Class Work.

I took my share of the work in the Men's winter training training class teaching Luke and the Revelation. The men are getting a grasp of Scripture truth that makes teaching interesting. A strong desire is expressed by many of the leading men to study longer, and it was arranged to hold a special class for them through the entire month of January. To these men I taught the Gospel of Luke and Studies on God and the Trinity. From this class we hope may spring the permanently established Bible Institute.

In the Theological Seminary I taught during most of the 3 months that it was in session. To the 1st year men I taught Old Testament History; to the 2nd year men, The Confession of Faith; to the 3rd year men, I Corinthians; and to the 4th year men The Elements of Christian Ethics. The work has been delightful to myself and I trust profitable to the students. It gives me great joy to note the growth in grace of these men, with whom we have been toiling for so many years. Some of them growing grey like their teachers, and some are finding it a pretty hard pull to get through, yet each year shows evidences of great advancement. The difference between the upper and lower classes is quite marked. They are learning to study as well as to preach and pray.

V. Literary Work.

My literary efforts this year have been chiefly along the line of my teaching.

"An Outline of the Elements of Christian Ethics" which ~~after~~ after a bit of revising will be a practical handbook for this department.
"Book I, of Dr. Scofield's Bible Course" has also been translated.

The year has been a busy one. The demands upon my strength were constant. I have tried to do my best, and now I lay the year's work at my Master's feet, in the hope and full assurance that He will make good the many defects and bless what has been undertaken in His Name to His own glory. Even so, may it be until this whole people be brought to Christ and salvation through the Gospel.

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Mr. Jones is one of the most whole-souled men and a good missionary.

I was telling Will tonight that when we go to America I am going to Perry county to visit all our relatives there. How you must enjoy meeting them!

I can't realize the summer is so near. Time passes so rapidly. It is almost time for our summer vacation up-the-river. The boat comes next week, July 15. Will, Olivette, Wilbur, and Gertrude will go up for about a week, then come back and the babies and I will go for about 3 weeks. The Annual Meeting begins Aug. 24, so we will have to be back early to get the house ready for guests. I have had guests a great deal during the Spring and summer. We will have only our Annual Meeting, and not the Council this year, so it won't last long.

My sewing has been so neglected it has heaped up, and I am now trying to get some done. I have put up some fruit, -jellies and jam, a lot of goose-berries, and now pickles. We will have peaches, only a few plums, a fair crop of apples, and grapes.

July 17, 1908

I am sending you a copy of my Report, which I memographed. It was all done in such a hurry that it is not well done, but it seems that is the way I have to do so many things these days. Will and the three older children will go up the river in the morning, coming back for Esther, Mary and me next week. We are both very tired and the rest is very welcome, indeed. I made a mattress yesterday of corn-husks, and it turned out fine. I am making pads and mattresses so I will have enough for the beds for Annual Meeting. I made cucumber pickle and black current jam yesterday. I still have some more cherries to can. On Sunday I will complete the organization of the Primary Dept. at our South Gate Sunday school.....50 little ones will stand up in a row and receive their enrollment cards. What a happy sight it will be! That's the reason I can't go up the river until after Sunday.

Lots of love,

Sallie.

In the Mountains, 30 miles from Pyeng Yang.
Kang Jin, Korea - July 29, 1908

My dear Jennie,

We came out on the river July 22, just a week ago today, and we will be out 2 weeks and 2 days more, if all goes well. It began raining on Sunday evening and rained all night and all day Monday without stopping. I had a good quiet day writing letters on Monday and mailed some of my reports. I got all my letters answered, all the sewing done that I had planned, and baked bread and got ready to come out on Wednesday to the boat. I was so tired it took me several days to get rested. But since coming out here I have done nothing but rest and be lazy so I am now feeling fine. There are 9 house-boats on the river. Three families built shacks up on an elevation up the river 2 days travel by boat from Pyeng Yang (Blair's Bluff). This house-boat outing is very popular. Mr. McMurtrie, who came out last Fall to take charge of the Industrial Dept. in the College and Academy, said he had been to many summer resorts in America but he had not found any equal to this. It is ideal in many ways. We have the most beautiful scenery every day, and changing all the time as we move up the river slowly in our boat. Sandy beaches are all along the way, so we can anchor the boat at a fine beach and have a swim. Then tell the men to move on and our house goes on to another beach. We need no mosquito nets, and we usually need a blanket at night, its so cool.

Our children are learning to swim quite well. If you could see Wilbur dive and swim you would think so. I am really learning to swim a little, too. As soon as I get over being afraid and get a little more confidence I think I can swim. Well, it is a lot of fun anyway!

On Sunday 8 boats were anchored at one beach, and then we traveled together until yesterday morning when 3 fell back, so 5 are together now. We have just reached Kang Jin, which is as far as we shall go. From here on the river is little else but rapids, so we shall not go any farther. We'll stay up here for 2 weeks and then go home to sweat and work getting ready for Annual Meeting. But I am not going to let the thought of that spoil my good times out here. We read, sleep, swim and in the evening after supper we have a concert. Dr. Follwell brought his gramophone out and entertains the crowd with it. Think of it! away up here in the mountains. We have all kinds of music, -bands, solos, sacred music, comic songs, whistling, dialogues, etc. Its is fine! The gramophone is an excellant one and we do enjoy it. I shut my eyes and try to imagine the quartet or soloist in front of us as we listen.

We read a graat deal. The children are allowed to read stories to their hearts content. Olivette is very fond of Kate D.Wiggins' books and has read several. Gertrude is reading the "Pepper" books by Margaret Sidney. I have read Exra, Nehemiah, Esther and am now reading Job. Also "With Marquis Ito in Korea"...have you read it yet? He is too partial to the Japanese to tell everything just straight.

Yesterday morning Olivette and Wilbur went with a party to to the top of "Misty Mt." It took them 3 hours to go up, an hour and a half to come down. This mountain is the highest in this part of north Korea and is estimated to be 3,000 ft. high. They said the view is grand.

I will let the children tell you about it. At about the time we thought they would come down, we took our boat to the mouth of the gorge where we knew they would be coming down and waited there for them. We got cold water a clear spring, and I had tea and cookies ready for the crowd. They were dirty and hot and looked frightful, but we soon made them all comfortable and they were refreshed. So we returned to our stopping place and had dinner.

I am sure you would be amazed to see us in our outing attire. I dress the three youngest in rompers and the rest of us wear our old duds, go bare-footed if we prefer, or wear kimonas. It is fine to relax and do just as we please. We get fresh vegetables about once a week but we bake our own bread here on the boat, as soon as our supply runs out. I wonder if you would enjoy this way of camping out. I am sure it would do you good, too.

I must close and let the children write their letters.

With lots of love,

Sallie.

My dear Aunt Jennie,

We are having the finest time! We have been on the river for about 2 weeks. We have had some fine bathing. Yesterday we climbed a mountain; there were 9 in the party. It is called Misty Mt. AS we were climbing up the top there was a cloud, but it was gone before we got up. I did not feel tired yesterday but I do today. We started at 7:30 in the morning and it took 3 hours to go up. The view was just magnificent. I never knew that Korea was so mountainous.

We are all so well and having such a good time. Mama is learning to swim fine. She can float some, too. We children have great fun diving. I hope you are all well. With much love to both of you,

Olivette.

Scout, 10 September, 1903.

My dear Mrs. Moffett,

This is an apology for my discrepancies in the way of a hostess. The matter is thus: The Evens, Crestons and Mr. Bull are Council guests of mine; we are a household of six grown people and five children. Last night I invited several of our Mission to ~~at~~ supper, your husband among them. He arrived on time. We waited for some others, and he played very hard on the lawn to entertain the children. I directed him, later, to the bath room to wash his hands. Afterward I found the wash basin, soap dish and soap had been carried off by the children to play with. (I take waste paper basket from the study, also. I do not find it out for some time afterward, so how the poor man washed his hands I do not know. I can see advantages in having stationary wash basins. One day ^{the children} ~~they~~ were trying to give water to Mr. Bull's horse in a wash basin!

We are having very happy times. I wish you could be with us. We had a beautiful service on Sunday in Mr. Hale's church. In the morning the Korean Han Woksa preached at Sai Mun Lu Church.

You can imagine how happy I am to have Mrs. Evens here - I had not seen her for eight years. We never seem to begin exactly where we left off. It is a surprise every time one of her babies says "Mamma."

Hoping you are quite well,

Affectionately yours

Katherine Leander

How did the power
mess around with the
wires?

Tuesday
March 3rd 1908

I had a lovely letter from Alice telling me all about Jamie & his sayings - How I did want to see him I hope you are feeling better than when you were last - Take all the rest you can & eat the most nourishing food you can get. You are too young to have that tired feeling so much of the time. Do - Sam apply the remedy & get well. Tom is getting along finely with his work. His requests for addresses are numerous. The people give generously & gladly - He meets so many good

people & he is often entertained in
their beautiful homes & makes friends
wherever he goes. He attended the
mens meeting & preached in Dr
Brownson's church in Phil - After the
service one man put \$30.00 in gold
in his hand saying that was for his
special work - 600.00 was the collection
& would be increased to 1000 in the
evening. Dr B was the man, the Hawver
Committee wanted. He declined - They elected
Prof Millis much to the displeasure
of Howard & a few others who did
the wire working. They decidedly wanted
a Minister for the President. You would
have been proud of Howard if you
had heard him talk & stand up for

righteous & all that it means in that
old College that has turned out so
many ministers. We have just had a
week's visit from Will. He wanted
to settle up all the odds & ends of
things & have nothing hanging over him
when the wonderful Fertilizer gets to
winning & turning out pure gold. I didn't
take stock in it - but will give just as
much to Home & F Board as if I did.
Tom & Mr L McAff of Brooklyn are
great friends - also see Thomson - He says
Tom can have any thing he wants.
We hear of his fine addresses from all
points - Mrs Joe Colgate's sisters of
Pearson went up to the pulpit - after
he preached in Brooklyn wishing to
meet him & thank him for all

for all the good works & then they
wrote to the sister Mrs Joe - then she
came over to me in P.M. to deliver
the good message - They were so delighted
with the sermon or whatever it was.

Our people always speak of Tom's
fine talks in P.M. when he is
with us - Rob has just received
a letter from Jackson Mich from
a High School teacher here for two
years & is now studying at "Ann
Arbor" she attended a great Miss
Rally at Jackson where hundreds
were present & Tom addressed the
meeting - and this is what she
says to him

I with about forty delegates were
attending Ann Arbor¹⁰ delegates was
attending a district C.E. convention -
We had some glorious meetings &
the very best were those in which
your Brother, Tom I think you called
him, spoke. If you could have seen
him & heard him you would have
been so very proud to claim him as
your Brother - I think he is wonder-
ful & I am not one who is easily
induced to think people are wonderful
His power over an audience is
almost startling & his appeal for
his work so stirring that I know
of four fellows - fine strong

young men, who decided while
there to go either into the home
of Foreign fields. I suppose it's
an old story to you but when we
were taken to the place where we
were to be entertained I heard
the husband, a rich business
man say "I'd give every cent
I possess to be able to do the
good, that Man Moffett can do"
and his wife adds - Every time
he lowered his voice I was
afraid he would stop speak-
-ing - where, throughout the
convention on every side.

people were saying they were
so thankful that they had had
a chance to hear him - I just
felt - I must write & tell you
about it - so that you & your
Mother might know of it - from
one outside & wholly unprejudiced
He is to be here at "Ann Arbor"
Wednesday Night - & we are
looking forward to a treat."

Well Sam we are very proud
ain't we. & very glad too.
I am so tired I must say
good bye & send this to the
office. Your loving Mother

Did you ever receive the
Fertilizer papers - Explaining
the whole thing to you. If not
I will get Rob to tell you
of it - Love to Alice and
the dear boy -